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*Useful Information*

News items we receive on a daily basis

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**SDEB NEWS**

Dr. Gail Valaskakis, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, has announced the appointment of Dr. Chantal Maillé as Principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, and Director of the Women's Studies Programmes for a three year period, beginning June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1999. Dr. Maillé served as interim Principal from June 1, 1995 to May 31, 1996.

Dr. Gail Valaskakis, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, has announced the appointment of Dr. Lucie Lequin as Chair, Etudes françaises for a three year term beginning June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1999.

Dr. Gail Valaskakis, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, has announced the appointment of Dr. Kaarina Kailo as Associate Professor, Women's Studies, effective June 1, 1996. Dr. Kailo joined the Institute as Assistant Professor on July 1, 1991.

Reading Room Assistant: The Documentation Centre has an opening for a full-time student for both semesters. The job involves 12 hours per week over a 12 week period during each semester. If you know a student who might be interested in this position, they should leave their c.v., along with their course timetable (including classroom

location) in Carol Mitchell's mailbox located just outside the Institute office area.

**SDE COMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, September 24 at noon:** The Institute has received funding from the Visiting Lecturers Committee for our proposed series on Native Women Writers. Our first speaker will be Mi'kmaq poet Rita Joe, author of *Song of Rita Joe: Autobiography of a Mi'kmaq Poet* and *Song of Eskasoni: More Poems of Rita Joe*.

**Week of October 1:** The Institute has invited International scholar Joan Scott to speak on the topic of **Feminism and Human Rights**.

**Thursday, October 17 at noon:** Armenian-American translator and poet Diana Der Hovanessian has been invited to give a presentation. Ms. Der Hovanessian is a specialist in the translation of Armenian's women's work from the 8th century to the present.

**Friday, October 18:** Janine Fuller and Stuart Blackley, co-authors of *Restricted Entry: Censorship on Trial*, will give a reading and presentation regarding the censorship case between Little



Sisters bookstore and Canada Customs. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about the issues involved in the trial as well as the ongoing appeal process. *Restricted Entry* won this year's Editor's Choice Lambda Literary Award.

**Wednesday, October 30: Native Women Writers Series presents Lee Maracle,** author of *I am Woman: A Native Perspective on Sociology and Feminism* and *Ravensong*.

#### EVENTS

The Concordia Shuffle is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 20 at 13:00.

A Women's Film Festival will be held in Montreal from October 3 - 11. Details to follow.

#### NEWS OF INTEREST

Research Associate Miriam Cooley has accepted a position at the School of Education, Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Adjunct Fellow Dr. Chengiah R. Ragaven is now the Associate Vice-Principal (Academic) at the Technikon Natal, P.O. Box 953, Durban, Natal, South Africa.

The Institute Documentation Centre will be open August 27, 28 & 29 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. and September 3, 4, & 5 from 1 - 5:00 p.m. The fall semester timetable should be available mid-September.

The new telephone number for GREMF (groupe de recherche multidisciplinaire féministe) is (418) 656-2131, poste 5421. The new telephone number for Revue Recherches féministes is (418) 656-2131, poste 5418.

Kathy Silver sends her greetings from Kingston, ON. Kathy reports that she is kept busy with her work

on the Women's Studies Advisory Committee at St. Lawrence College. Kathy is also the producer of a live cable program called "seniorscope," a live program by seniors addressing issues of concern for senior citizens.

The Annual General Assembly of the Montreal Assault Prevention Centre will be held on October 21, 1996 at 19:00 at 4617 St. Denis.

#### RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Information concerning applications for Rhodes Scholarships for 1997 is now posted on the "students" bulletin board. This year's application deadline is October 25, 1996.

#### CONFERENCES

An International Conference on Violence, Abuse & Women's Citizenship will be held in Brighton, UK, November 10-15, 1996.

La chaire d'étude sur la condition des femmes de l'Université Laval vous invite un colloque international sur le thème "La recherche féministe dans la francophone - Etat de la situation et pistes de collaboration." Le colloque se tiendra à l'Université Laval du 24 au 29 septembre 1996.

The Women's Studies Research Unit at the University of Saskatchewan presents a conference on "Women & Other Faces in Science" which will be held September 26 - 29, 1996 in Saskatoon.

The Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy will hold their conference at Queen's University October 25 - 27, 1996. The conference title is "Taking Issue With Our Issues: Reconsidering the Presuppositions of Feminist Theory."

The First Symposium on the

Order to Distinguish its Pedagogy as an Emerging Form of Arts Education will be held at Penn State University November 13 - 16, 1996.

The Centre for Women's Studies and Gender Relations at the University of British Columbia will host a conference on "The State of the World's Children: The Difference Gender Makes," October 18 & 19, 1996. The keynote address will be given by Stephen Lewis, Deputy Exec. Director of the External Relations for UNICEF.

Note: See the "academic" board for all conference information.

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Papers on feminist styles and approaches to Sartre's philosophy are invited for a volume to be published in the Penn State Series, *Rereading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of John Paul Sartre*, edited by Nancy Tuana. The deadline for completed manuscripts is June 30, 1997.

The First International and 11th National MELUS Conference will be held on April 18 - 20, 1997 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Papers on the theme "Multi-Ethnic Literatures Across the Americas and the Pacific: Exchanges, Contestations, and Alliances" are invited until October 15, 1996.

#### **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies at York University invites papers for the "Queer Nation?" conference, scheduled for March 14-16, 1997. The conference will explore the interdisciplinarity between gay, lesbian and Canadian identities. One to two page abstracts are invited until November 1, 1996.

*Women and Environments*, an international magazine which examine

women's relationship to their many environments, invites submissions for an upcoming issue of "Women and Technology" scheduled for summer 1997. Submissions are invited until October 15, 1996.

Note: Complete details for each call for paper or submission may be found on the "academic" board.